Functioning of Navodaya Vidyalayas

3462. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received a number of complaints about the functioning of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action, the Government have taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken/proposed for revamping of functioning of Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(d) whether the Government propose to constitute a high level committee to look into the functioning of Navodaya Vidyalayas; and

(e) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Some complaints about the functioning of Navodaya Vidyalayas have been received from time to time. These mainly relate to shortage of basic facilities such as electricity, water, play ground and accommodation at temporary site and quality of food. All such complaints are enquired into and appropriate remedial actions taken.

(c) Samiti has taken steps to speed up the construction work at permanent sites. For the Vidyalayas functioning at temporary sites, provision of all basic facilities like electricity, water accommodation etc. is arranged by the Samiti. Allocation on expenditure on boarding has been increased per child. Effective and closer monitoring is being done with a view to improve quality of food and remove other deficiencies.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Research Project of Asiatic Society

3463. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Asiatic Society of Calcutta, has sent a team to Moscow to carry out a research Project, on Indo-Russian relations;

(b) whether Institute of Oriental Studies, Moscow has worked in Collaboration with Asiatic society on this research project;

(c) whether the Asiatic Society have since returned after completion of their work in Moscow;

(d) whether the Asiatic Society have since submitted any report; and

(e) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Medical and Dental Colleges in U.P.

3464. SHRI RAMSAJEEVAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any applications from the U.P. Government for setting up of Vinayak Mission Medical and Dental College in Sitapur district;

(b) if so, whether the Medical Council of India has given its recommendations for setting up of both colleges; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in recommending the same despite fulfilling all the eligibility conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has issued essentiality certificate to Thirumuruga Kirupananda Variyar Thavathiru Sundra Swamigal Medical Education and Charitable Trust for establishment of a medical college and a dental college in Sitapur District.

(b) The Medical Council of India has recommended for issue of a letter of intent for setting up a medical college but also noted that there were deficiencies in appointment of staff and other necessary requirements. On the basis of the recommendations of the Dental Council of India, a letter of intent has been issued for establishment of a dental college.

(c) The recommandations of the Medical Council of India are under examination.

[English]

Ban on Benzene Hexa Chloride

3465. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have announced ban on Banzene Hexa Chloride (BHC) insecticide in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether the Government have selected its substitute;